

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 1 so as to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In addition, claim 9, which is dependent on claim 1, has been added. No new matter has been added. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowance of claims 2-8.

As claim 1 has been amended to recite multiple elements, it clearly can no longer be considered a “single means” claim. As such, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome.

As it is believed that all pending objections and rejections have been overcome, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication for which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

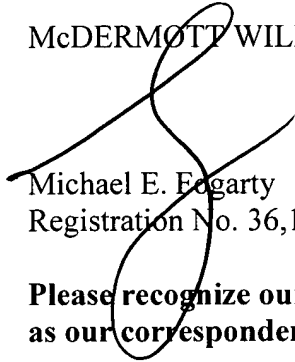
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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